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Toy Safety

Keeping your home hazard-free

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The Consumer Product Safety Commission's Safe Shopping Tips:

- ✓ **Ride-on Toys** - Riding toys, skateboards and in-line skates go fast and falls can be serious. Helmets and safety gear should be sized to fit.
- ✓ **Small Parts** - For children younger than age three, avoid toys with small parts, which can cause choking.
- ✓ **Magnets** - For children under age six, avoid building sets with small magnets. If a child swallows a magnet or pieces with magnets, he or she can be seriously injured.
- ✓ **Projectile Toys** - Projectile toys such as air rockets, darts and sling shots are for older children. Improper use of these toys can result in serious eye injuries.

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CPSC Safe Shopping Tips, cont.:

- ✓ **Chargers and Adapters - Charging batteries should be supervised by adults. Chargers and adapters can get hot enough to burn.**

While you shop and decide what to buy:

- ✓ **Be a label reader. Look for toy labels that give age and safety recommendations and use that information as a guide.**
- ✓ **Select toys to suit the age, abilities, skills and interest level of the intended child. Look for sturdy construction. Check to make sure that a child can't pry off small parts.**
- ✓ **For all children under 8, avoid toys that have sharp edges and points.**

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After the gifts are open:

- ✓ **Immediately discard plastic wrappings on toys before they become dangerous play things.**
- ✓ **Keep toys appropriate for older children away from younger siblings or neighbors.**
- ✓ **Pay attention to instructions and warnings on battery chargers. Some chargers lack any device to prevent overcharging.**



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